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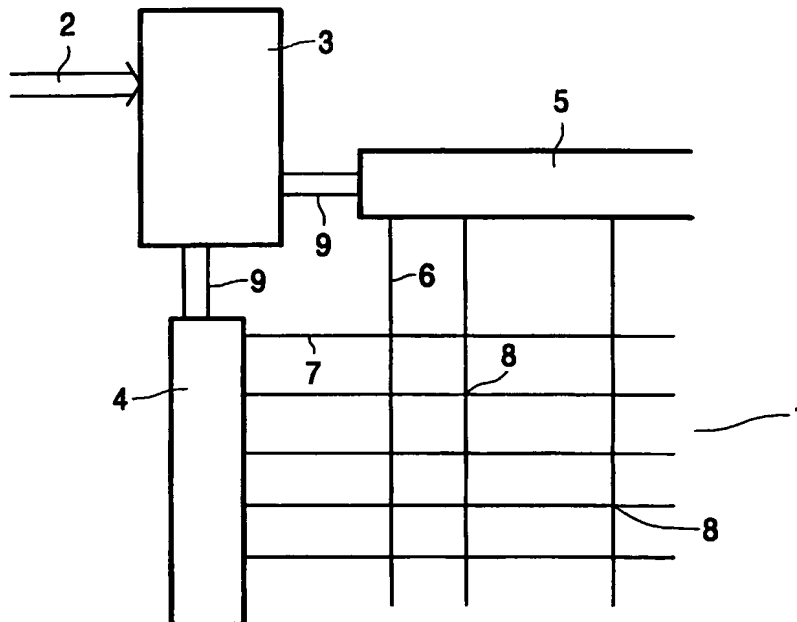
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(54) Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE



(57) Abstract: In RMS driving (both Alt & Pleshko and MRA addressing) of passive matrix devices flicker and power are reduced by driving groups of picture elements during time periods within a sequence of time periods while the driving of different picture elements within a sequence of time periods is phase-shifted over at least one time period, while the phase shifting is altered after each sequence of time periods. The principle of phase-shifting is also applicable to active matrix driving.



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1. Claims: 1-8,11,13

The first concept concerns a display comprising a liquid crystal between two substrates, selection electrodes, data electrodes, and drive means for driving the selection electrodes with a sequence of  $m$ ,  $m > 1$ , time periods, wherein during each time period the selection electrodes are sequentially supplied with selection signals, and the drive means comprising further means for driving a group of picture elements during time periods within a sequence of time periods, the driving of different picture elements within a sequence of time periods being phase-shifted with respect to each other, wherein

the problem of flicker is minimized by decreasing or increasing the phase numbers of the time periods after each sequence of time periods.

2. Claims: 1,2,9,10,12

The second concept concerns a display comprising a liquid crystal between two substrates, selection electrodes, data electrodes, and drive means for driving the selection electrodes with a sequence of  $m$ ,  $m > 1$ , time periods, wherein during each time period the selection electrodes are sequentially supplied with selection signals, and the drive means comprising further means for driving a group of picture elements during time periods within a sequence of time periods, the driving of different picture elements within a sequence of time periods being phase-shifted with respect to each other, wherein

the problem of generating grey scales is solved by applying different voltages to the column electrodes during sub-selection times of a period of supplying a selection signal to a selection electrode.

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